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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report Concerning the Image Enhancement Viewer

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1. On 30 July a conference was held with [REDACTED] of the Itek Corporation in Lexington, Massachusetts. Work on Phase II of the contract has been underway for approximately three weeks and fabrication of parts for the completed instrument has begun. [REDACTED] indicated that the fabrication of the completed instrument would most likely require less than three months. [REDACTED] has obtained some low altitude photography which Itek would like to test in the completed instrument. A period of two to three weeks would be required to complete this test procedure and I saw no objection in their use of the instrument to obtain specific information in which they were interested. The personnel involved in the project are as follows: [REDACTED]; mechanical design; [REDACTED] mechanical engineer; [REDACTED] physicist; [REDACTED] is the project administrator and [REDACTED] will be available as a consultant. [REDACTED]

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2. A proposal was made to [REDACTED] that after the fabrication of the instrument had been completed, the instrument would be sent to NPIC for continued research by [REDACTED]. It was impressed upon [REDACTED] that this proposed change in the contract in no way reflects upon the ability of his personnel and that the main reason for this change would be that our personnel could become familiar with the operation of the instrument while concluding the final testing procedures. [REDACTED] said that he would like a month to think this over and to see how the instrument was progressing. It was agreed that the months period would be sufficient to better evaluate the contract status. [REDACTED] also requested that Itek be allowed to evaluate the Image Enhancement Viewer by using the low altitude photography reproduced at different scales. Agreement was reached on this point since the information will be valuable to both Itek and NPIC.

3. If the instrument is delivered to NPIC for completion of the final test phases of the contract, it was agreed that all notes and conclusions would be included in the technical manual to be completed by the Itek Corp. and that an amendment to the contract be submitted by Itek covering the cost differential for this change in the contract.

4. It is therefore recommended that (1) a period of one month elapse for Itek to study the proposed change in this contract, (2) Itek be allowed to evaluate low altitude photography at different scales, (3) NPIC make preparations for eventual receipt and testing of the Image Enhancement Viewer.

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